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SUBJECT; CGT-CFDT CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION OF ILO GOVERNING BODY
TO CONSIDER SITUATION IN CHILE

1. CGT AND CFDT IN JOINT LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 19 URGED ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY TO CONSIDER SITUATION IN CHILE, LETTER NOTED DISSOLUTION OF TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS, MASS ARRESTS, AND SUMMARY EXECUTIONS UNDER NEW REGIME - ACTIONS, WHICH IT CONTENDED, VIOLATE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF ILO CONVENTIONS ON TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC FREEDOM. IN CGT-CFDT VIEW, CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT URGENT ONVOCATION OF GOVERNING BODY TO BRING THESE VIOLATIONS TO ATTENTION OF CHILEAN AUTHORITIES. GOVERNING BODY SHOULD ALSO, IN CGT-CFDT VIEW, CONSIDER WHAT FORM OF ASSISTANCE IT MIGHT LEND TO "VICTIMS OF REPRESSION" IN CHILE.

2. AFP DATELINE GENEVA SEPTEMBER 24 REPORTED NO ILO DECISION LIKELY THIS WEEK AS GB PRESIDENT ARTURO MUNOZ LEDO ABSENT FROM GENEVA UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28. DECISION REPORTEDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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WOULD PROBABLY BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYER

AND TRADE UNION VICE PRESIDENTS.

3. COMMENT: CGT-CFDT ACTION FOLLOWED CONDEMNATION OF COUP BY ALL MAJOR FRENCH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS, INCLUDING FORCE OUVRIERE - WHICH, HOWEVER, NOTED CONSISTENCY ITS CHILE STATEMENT WITH PAST SIMILAR STATEMENTS ON HUNGARY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA (I.E. ANY FORCEFUL OVERTHROW). TRADE UNION STATEMENTS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY BRIEF WORK STOPPAGES EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN WORKERS. CHILEAN COUP, WHICH PROFOUNDLY SHOCKED MANY SEGMENTS FRENCH OPINION, WAS PARTICULARLY SHARP BLOW FOR LEFT-WING FRENCH LABOR WHICH REGARDED CHILE AS PRECURSOR AND MODEL OF "DEMOCRATIC MARXISM".IRWIN

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